



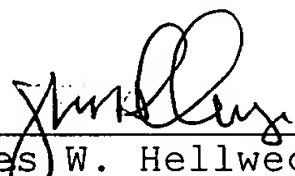
- ☐ Petition for ( ) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ Check(s) in the amount of \$0.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Applicants: Sachetto et al

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**AMENDMENT**

Commission of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

April 7, 2004

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 25, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Claim 23 is cancelled

New claim 56 is added.